



Tennessee Crop Weather

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HARVEST WINDING DOWN... SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THANKSGIVING

Soybean and cotton harvest are coming to an end and should be finishing up within the next couple weeks. Wheat planting is approaching completion, with less than 15 percent of the crop left to be seeded. Over 80 percent of the wheat was rated in good-to-excellent condition, as over half has emerged. Some farmers have started feeding hay. They also saw a brief break in the recent cold temperatures as the weekend brought warmer days. Other farm activities this week include stripping tobacco and preparing tobacco for sale.

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Temperatures this past week averaged normal across the West and slightly below normal throughout the remainder of the state. Rainfall amounts averaged below normal across the entire state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	92	86	92	86	Winter Wheat	0	1	18	65	16
Soybeans – Harvested	90	80	87	86						
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	33	26	43	46						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	86	73	83	76						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	56	42	57	46						

County Agent Comments

“Harvest for soybeans and cotton are nearly complete. Farmers are finishing wheat planting and will be turning their attention to next year’s seed orders and pricing.”
J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“The farmers in Fayette County had a good week harvesting beans and cotton. Most of the cotton has been harvested and beans will be finished in another two weeks. The weather started chilly this week, warmed-up and another front is supposed to move in this weekend.”
Jeffery Via, Fayette County

“Everyone is trying to finish up harvesting crops.”
Jake Mallard, Madison County

“Producers took advantage of late week sunshine in getting soybeans harvested and wheat seeded. Harvest and wheat seeding should conclude by this weekend for most producers.”
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Soybean harvest almost completed. Soybean yields have been better than expected for the most part. Wheat planting is slowing down.”
Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Soybean harvest continues with many yields in the 50-60 bu. range. With good weather, almost all of the soybean crop should be out of the field by Thanksgiving. County corn yields will probably be only 50-60 bu. It appeared that we have an adequate supply of hay on hand. On June 30 we only had 50% of the hay that we typically have for that date. Adequate rain starting in July resulted in an adequate hay crop, better than average soybean crop but was “too little, too late” for the corn crop.”
Richard Groce, Maury County

“It’s been cool this week but only a threat of rain. We harvested beans 4 days and a lot of wheat was planted. What is up looks good. Cattle are looking mostly good and the frost bitten pastures are ready to start grazing by this weekend or the first of the week.”
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

“Showers the first half of the week produced from 0.6 to 1.0 inch of rain keeping field activities to a minimum. A number of producers report near finish with beans and wheat planting. Yields continue to be excellent with several producers reporting wheat bean yields in the 50 - 60 bushel per acre range.”
Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Some late soybeans still in the field. Yields a little better than expected. Seems to be plenty of hay.”
Scott Chadwell, Putnam County

“Good week for harvesting soybeans and planting wheat. Some hay feeding is beginning.”
J. Dale Beaty, Warren County

“Soybean harvest is nearing completion. Some livestock producers are feeding hay due to reduced pasture stands.”
John Wilson, Blount County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
 For week ending: November 11, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 11, 2012				Current Week 11/11/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	75	27	49	-5	0.02	1	36.83	-7.27	26.33	-3.82
Brownsville_TN	74	29	50	-4	0.11	1	29.61	-14.18	19.37	-10.46
Covington	72	29	48	-5	0.38	2	29.74	-13.39	17.60	-11.67
Dyersburg	73	30	51	-3	0.02	1	24.75	-17.27	15.61	-13.43
Huntingdon_Wate	74	30	49	-3	0.13	1	30.45	-14.63	21.76	-9.40
Jackson_Exp_Stn	74	29	49	-4	0.25	1	37.98	-5.98	27.04	-3.49
Lexington_TN	72	29	47	-6	0.26	2	34.62	-8.30	23.47	-6.10
Martin	74	29	50	-1	0.25	1	30.15	-14.55	19.39	-11.90
Memphis_AG	75	30	51	-5	0.14	2	39.12	-3.91	28.07	-1.29
Milan	74	28	50	-2	0.16	1	35.64	-10.00	25.13	-6.72
Paris	72	31	48	-3	0.25	3	30.23	-13.97	20.53	-9.99
Savannah_6SW	75	30	50	-4	0.11	2	39.34	-8.17	26.38	-5.49
Selmer	72	28	49	-4	0.10	2	40.27	-6.51	27.48	-3.88
Union_City	73	30	49	-3	0.17	1	31.44	-12.45	21.84	-8.70
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	74	33	50	0	0.13	3	27.29	-15.29	17.91	-10.85
Cookeville	74	29	45	-6	0.24	3	47.53	-0.61	32.40	-0.54
Crossville_AP	69	29	46	-3	0.60	4	38.76	-8.36	24.25	-7.67
Dickson_AG	72	29	48	-4	0.21	2	36.09	-9.28	24.29	-6.90
Dover_1W	73	32	49	-2	0.12	1	31.97	-12.55	21.28	-9.17
Fayetteville_TN	71	30	49	-2	0.38	3	47.74	2.20	32.75	2.66
Jamestown	72	27	44	-6	0.07	1	44.60	-2.11	28.88	-3.84
Kingston_Spring	74	30	46	-4	0.11	2	37.61	-6.19	26.66	-3.01
Lewisburg	71	28	45	-7	0.27	3	34.33	-12.28	23.64	-8.23
Livingston_WLIV	71	30	46	-5	0.13	2	42.05	-2.68	25.80	-5.26
Lobelville	73	29	46	-5	0.11	1	32.69	-13.75	22.06	-9.22
Murfreesboro_5N	72	28	46	-6	0.32	3	40.39	-4.92	28.28	-3.09
Nashville_Metro	73	33	50	-4	0.17	2	40.07	0.05	29.02	1.39
Oneida	71	26	44	-5	0.19	3	44.05	-3.11	27.15	-5.99
Portland_TN	71	33	47	-4	0.13	1	36.59	-6.96	24.91	-5.18
Pulaski_Water_P	68	25	45	-9	0.13	3	43.52	-3.01	32.29	1.33
Shelbyville	72	30	49	-5	0.27	3	40.40	-6.43	26.48	-5.30
Sparta_TN	74	29	46	-5	0.73	3	43.00	-3.82	30.02	-2.08
Springfield	73	31	47	-3	0.27	3	42.95	1.12	31.26	2.46
Springhill	71	26	46	-5	0.05	2	40.18	-6.14	29.09	-2.44
Tullahoma	70	30	48	-5	0.35	3	41.62	-6.36	28.25	-3.59
Waynesboro_TN	70	28	46	-5	0.03	2	42.71	-5.89	30.87	-1.77
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	71	34	50	-3	0.52	2	44.23	-1.10	29.90	0.47
Cleveland_6NNE	70	30	47	-4	1.07	4	39.21	-7.27	27.64	-3.11
Dayton	68	32	47	-6	0.42	3	46.73	-0.71	32.40	1.16
Erwin_1W	68	28	43	-5	0.27	2	48.74	6.28	38.04	7.23
Gatlinburg_2SW	66	29	44	-5	0.46	4	50.16	1.32	33.59	-1.16
Greeneville	71	26	45	-5	0.22	3	40.22	2.97	29.10	2.66
Kingston_AG	70	31	48	-2	0.26	2	49.97	0.49	34.99	1.76
Knoxville_AP	70	31	47	-4	0.30	3	46.60	6.39	30.81	4.06
Newcomb	70	26	43	-5	0.24	2	43.76	-3.40	27.30	-5.84
Norris_4NE	67	29	45	-5	0.31	3	45.69	0.73	29.18	-1.73
Tri-City_RGNL_A	69	26	43	-7	0.04	2	41.50	6.02	30.77	5.77

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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